



Lancaster**History**

SUMMER / FALL

PROGRAMS & EXHIBITIONS

JULY - DECEMBER 2024



A group of Lancastrians gather for the dedication of a Peace Pole on August 14, 1996. (Exact location unknown.) Peace Poles, according to WorldPeace.org, are an internationally-recognized symbol for the hopes and dreams of humanity. Today, there are more than 250,000 of these monuments to peace all over the globe.

From the Discover Lancaster Photograph Collection, Collections of LancasterHistory.

**Educational programming
at LancasterHistory
supported in part by**



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE
HUMANITIES



Pennsylvania
Historical & Museum
Commission

*Any views, findings, conclusions,
or recommendations expressed
in this piece do not necessarily
represent those of sponsors.*

Cover Image: A view of Wheatland from the mansion's kitchen garden, made especially beautiful by groundskeeper Paul Hubbs. Congratulations to Paul on his retirement!

Greetings friends!

Welcome to this latest issue of LancasterHistory's programs and exhibitions guide filled with more than 30 unique programs, events, exhibitions, lectures, special tours, and family-focused opportunities all designed to inspire you to discover the fascinating world of local, regional, and national history!

At LancasterHistory we place our local community at the center of the stories we tell. From that center, we move out in concentric circles from villages, towns, and cities, as we link the stories of individual lives, important moments and discoveries, and life-changing events to the broader history of our County, our Commonwealth, and our Country.

Along with this community-centered approach to history, we bring a mission-centered optimism. What, you may ask, is mission-centered optimism? Let's start with the mission. At LancasterHistory our mission is to understand the past by looking at the lives and legacies of those who came before us. And we aim to include all of those who preceded us so that the view we have of the past is as representative as possible of our community.



Our optimism comes from a fundamental trust in the human spirit as evidenced in the lives of the many people who have made Lancaster County the special place it has become. Certainly, Lancaster's history has been marked by challenges, cruel hardships, and often unnecessary injustices. Yet, through it all Lancastrians have held on to the hope of discovering our better selves. Have we reached the mountaintop? Perhaps not fully. But if we look to the past and focus on those who have helped make our community and our country better, we will find the inspiration we need to do our part in helping to create a more perfect union.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom' with a stylized flourish at the end.

THOMAS R. RYAN, Ph.D.
PRESIDENT & CEO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY - DECEMBER 2024

We're excited to offer a wide range of fascinating programs for all ages this season! Please note that most events listed require reservations or tickets. To find more information, to purchase tickets, or to register for a program, please visit lancasterhistory.org/events or call 717.392.4633.

LECTURES in the *Regional History Colloquium* and *Presidential Lecture Series* feature scholars presenting research on the history of southeastern Pennsylvania and the history of the presidency in mid-19th century America.

TOURS & POP-UP EXHIBITS take you deeper into the spaces and objects at President James Buchanan's Wheatland and in the LancasterHistory Collections.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS are designed to offer unique social experiences with a historical twist for families and the Lancaster community. From tours to storytimes to nature events, these programs make history educational, fun, and inspirational.

JULY

STORYTIME

Thursdays in July | 10am

*Family-Friendly Program
at LancasterHistory*

Gather 'round for Storytime each Thursday this July! Each week, we'll read aloud from a book centered on a historical theme or story, followed by a craft or activity inspired by that week's book. Suggested for children 12 and under. No Storytime on July 4. Free.

MUSIC ON THE LAWN

feat. Featherburn

Saturday, July 20 | 5-7pm

*Family-Friendly Program
at LancasterHistory*

Music on the Lawn returns this summer with more fantastic local bands in James Buchanan's backyard! This family (and dog) friendly event welcomes attendees to relax and enjoy an evening outdoors with live music. July's concert features Featherburn, a

AUGUST

self-described “accordion powered romp-rock for adventurers” that weaves folk, punk, groove, and rhapsody music with theatrical playfulness. *LancasterHistory Members & Children Free.*

POLLINATORS & BUTTERFLIES

Saturday, July 27 | 10am

Tanger Arboretum Program at LancasterHistory

Presenter Lisa Sanchez, a naturalist at the Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Recreation Environmental Center, will discuss the different species of pollinators, such as butterflies, moths, and bees, who are buzzing about in the heat of summer. Learn about these vital summer insects and what you can do (and grow) to help your local pollinators! *Tanger Members Free.*

DISCOVERING A GENTLEMAN'S FARM: A HISTORY OF THE WHEATLAND GROUNDS

Saturday, August 10 | 10am

Special Program at LancasterHistory

James Buchanan is best-known as our nation's 15th President, but he was also a gentleman farmer. From 1848 to 1868, Buchanan lived at Wheatland, which sat upon 22.5 acres of meadows, orchards, gardens, and more. Join Museum Associate Stephanie Celiberti for a presentation and tour about how the grounds of Wheatland functioned as a farm and green space over the course of Buchanan's life. *LancasterHistory and Tanger Members Free.*



A c. 1870 reprint of a cabinet card of the front facade of Wheatland. James Buchanan Foundation Photograph Collection, LancasterHistory.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MUSIC ON THE LAWN

feat. Vinegar Creek Constituency

Saturday, August 31 | 5-7pm

Family-Friendly Program

at LancasterHistory

Music on the Lawn continues in August with another great local band in James Buchanan's backyard! Enjoy live music by Vinegar Creek Constituency, an uplifting, high-energy band that draws in elements of bluegrass, early swing, outlaw country, and ragtime. *LancasterHistory Members & Children Free.*

SEPTEMBER

WINE & CHEESE AND A WALK IN THE TREES

Friday, Sept 6 | 5-7pm

Tanger Arboretum Program

at LancasterHistory

Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum for a delightful, late summer social! Enjoy refreshing drinks and light bites while taking a leisurely stroll through the many stately trees in the Arboretum. *Tanger Members Free.*

THE BUCHANAN SISTERS

Saturday, Sept 7 | Tours 10am-3pm

Wheatland Living History Tour

at LancasterHistory

On this special living history tour, you'll explore how Buchanan's

nieces, Annie, Harriet, and Henrietta Buchanan, forged new life paths that ran counter to the traditional expectations for 19th-century women. During the tour, visitors will "time travel" to 1868 and 1906 to eavesdrop on the Buchanan sisters as they chat about beaus, fashion, and their life goals. *LancasterHistory Members Free.*

FALL SEASONAL GATHERING TOUR

Saturday, Sept 14 | 10am

Tanger Arboretum Program

at LancasterHistory

Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum for a walking tour through the Arboretum to take in vibrant fall colors, ornamental trees, and the pollinator gardens in the Tanger Arboretum. *Tanger Members Free.*

MUSIC ON THE LAWN

feat. Woodson Steel Experience

Saturday, Sept 14 | 5-7pm

Family-Friendly Program

at LancasterHistory

Join us for our final Music on the Lawn concert of the season! Get ready to enjoy live music by Woodson Steel Experience who will immerse you in the sounds of steelpan Caribbean music and percussion. Plus, LancasterHistory invites members to join us before the concert from 4-5pm for light bites, beverages, and tours of the



Music on the Lawn attendees get comfortable on the lawn at President James Buchanan's Wheatland, ready for the concert to begin!

The 2024 Music on the Lawn concert series is sponsored by



*“Thieves & Vagabonds” exhibit.
LancasterHistory Members &
Children Free.*

THE PERSISTENCE OF SLAVERY IN JAMES BUCHANAN'S PENNSYLVANIA

Feat. Cory James Young, Ph.D.

Thursday, Sept 19

Reception 5pm | Lecture 5:30pm

*Presidential Lecture at
LancasterHistory & Online*

In 1826 on the House floor, Congressman James Buchanan professed his hatred of slavery and insisted that it did not exist in Pennsylvania. However, 30-years later, the 1856 State census still recorded an enslaved person living in Lancaster County, President-

elect Buchanan's home community. Dr. Cory James Young, Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa, will discuss how slavery remained legal in Pennsylvania until the Civil War Era, contrary to the belief of Mr. Buchanan then and to many more today. *Free.*

CAPITAL DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, Sept 27 | 5-8pm

*Family-Friendly Program
at LancasterHistory*

Celebrate the day Lancaster served as the nation's capital for one day on September 27, 1777! Ticketed event to include food, drink, entertainment, kids activities, and a healthy dose of quirky history. *More information coming soon!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

MR. BUCHANAN'S COACHMAN

Saturday, Oct 5 | Tours 10am-3pm

Wheatland Special Subject Tour at LancasterHistory

America's love affair with the automobile can be traced back to the coachman of the 1800s. Join LancasterHistory for a special subject tour to learn who James Buchanan hired for this important and skilled position and the special training required to care for Buchanan's carriages, sleighs, and horses. *LancasterHistory Members Free.*

DRAWN FROM HISTORY

Wednesday, Oct 9 | 5:30-8:30pm

Special Event at LancasterHistory

Join LancasterHistory and the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (PCAD) for a night of art and artifacts at the museum! PCAD Instructor Leah Limpert Walt will introduce students to artistic techniques that can be used to draw historic artifacts in the LancasterHistory collections, including those featured in the major exhibit *Thieves & Vagabonds*. *LancasterHistory Member Discount.*

SOUTHERN UNIONISM DURING THE ANTEBELLUM AND CIVIL WAR ERA

Feat. Barton A. Myers, Ph.D.

Thursday, Oct 10

Reception 5pm | Lecture 5:30pm

Presidential Lecture at

LancasterHistory & Online

Not every citizen of the American South supported the Confederacy and secession in the 1860s. Before and during the Civil War, many Southerners were Unionists who were repressed and punished for their views. Dr. Barton Myers of Washington & Lee University will join us for a presentation on these Unionists, including those who served within the federal government like Buchanan's Secretary of the Treasury, Howell Cobb of Georgia. *Free.*

THE LEGACY OF SLAVERY AT FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE

Feat. Gretchel Hathaway, Ph.D.,

Louise LoBello, & Shianne Hargrove

Thursday, Oct 17

Reception 5pm | Lecture 5:30pm

Regional History Colloquium

at LancasterHistory & Online

Since 2021, the Legacy of Slavery at Franklin & Marshall College Study Group has been exploring the connections between the College's namesakes, its early trustees,

and the system of slavery. In this presentation, Dr. Gretchel Hathaway, Louise LoBello, and Shianne Hargrove will share the group's research into F&M's history from its institutional connections to slavery to its Black students' involvement in the Civil Rights Movement to the ongoing relationships between the College and the broader Lancaster community. *Free.*

PAST, PRESENT, PUMPKINS!

Saturday, Oct 19 | 10am

*Family-Friendly Program
at LancasterHistory*

Learn about the historical origins of the grandest of gourds, the pumpkin! Plus, enjoy games and "pick your own" pumpkin to decorate and take home.



*A pin-back button
from the 1960s.
Collections of
LancasterHistory.*

VOTE BABY VOTE: THADDEUS STEVENS AND THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY

Saturday, October 19 | 11am & 2pm

*Collections Up Close Program
at LancasterHistory*

After the Civil War, Thaddeus Stevens led the effort to remake the nation as a multiracial democracy

that lived up to its promise of freedom and equality for all of its citizens. Though that promise was not realized during Stevens' lifetime, his legacy has lived on in movements for voting rights, civil rights, and democracy over the last 150 years. Join us for a tour and pop-up exhibit that explores the fight for democracy in America from the 15th Amendment to the 19th Amendment to arguments about how to improve democracy today. *LancasterHistory Members Free.*

NOVEMBER

THE ASTONISHING DAWN REDWOOD

Saturday, Nov 2 | 10am

*Tanger Arboretum Program
at LancasterHistory*

Finding a remnant population of supposedly extinct Dawn Redwoods in a remote Chinese valley was one of the most important botanical discoveries of the 20th century. Join tree hobbyist Len Eiserer for a presentation about the incredible past, thriving present, and sparkling future of the Dawn Redwood, a living fossil. *Tanger Members Free.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FORGOTTEN FIGHTERS: CHINESE SOLDIERS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Feat. Anneliese Meck

Thursday, Nov 7 | 5:30pm on Zoom
Regional History Colloquium Online

When Hong Neok Woo, a Chinese American citizen living in Lancaster County, enlisted as a private in the United States Army in 1863, he joined ranks with a small yet significant number of Chinese soldiers who fought for their adopted country. In the years that followed, the US would discriminate against these citizens and all but forget their contributions on the battlefield and beyond. In this virtual lecture, Anneliese Meck, a public historian and historical costumer at Genesee Country Village & Museum, will join us to explore the story of Mr. Woo and other Chinese Americans who fought for freedom, citizenship, civil rights, and belonging in 19th-century America. *Free.*

LANCASTER COUNTY AMISH QUILTS FROM THE ESPRIT QUILT COLLECTION

Saturday, Nov 9 | 11am & 2pm
*Collections Up Close Program
at LancasterHistory*

Doug Tompkins, American businessman and co-founder of Esprit Clothing, assembled a large collection of Amish quilts including

82 made in Lancaster County between 1880 and 1950. Join us for an encore Esprit Quilt showing to view a selection of these iconic quilts and to learn more about their history, cultural significance, and the women who made them. *LancasterHistory Member Discount.*



On September 22, 1860, Hong Neok Woo became an American citizen and the first Asian person to be naturalized in Lancaster. This photograph of Hong Neok Woo was taken in c. 1860. From the Collections of LancasterHistory.

THE EXTRAGIVE

Friday, Nov 22

Special Event at LancasterHistory

Lancaster County's largest day of online giving returns for 2024! Stay tuned for more information about special events for the ExtraGive.

YULETIDE AT WHEATLAND

November 23 - December 30

Tours Mon - Sat, 10am-3pm

Wheatland Special Subject Tour at LancasterHistory

Join us for Yuletide at Wheatland, a guided tour experience that explores Christmas in the late 1800s.

Discover how James Buchanan's niece and nephew, Harriet Lane Johnston and James Buchanan Henry celebrated the festive season during the early years of the Second Industrial Revolution. Learn how the Christmas holiday became popular from James Buchanan's time at Wheatland to the increased commercialization and extravagant decorations of the Victorian era.

LancasterHistory Member Discount.

DECEMBER

HISTORY HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, Dec 5 | 5:30-7:30pm

Special Event at Proof

Did you know that Pennsylvania whiskey almost ruined our great American experiment? For the next installment of History Happy Hour, we're heading to Proof in downtown

Lancaster to learn about the history of the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 and the role Lancaster lawyer Jasper Yeates played in negotiating with a group of angry frontier settlers who protested a new federal tax on liquor. Over drinks and light bites, we'll hear the story of whiskey, protest, and democracy in early Pennsylvania. *Tickets available in November.*

CAMPUS OF HISTORY CHEER

Saturday, Dec 7 | 5-7pm

Family-Friendly Program at LancasterHistory

Get in the holiday spirit with Campus of History Cheer, a festive event filled with fun for the whole family! From twilight tours of Wheatland to live music and kids activities, there's something merry and bright for everyone. *Tickets available in November. LancasterHistory and Tanger Arboretum Member Discount.*

CANDY CANES & COCOA ON CAMPUS

Saturday, Dec 14 | 10-11am

Family-Friendly Program at LancasterHistory

Help us on our hunt for candy canes across the Campus of History! Children will listen to a story read aloud, complete a holiday craft to take home, and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa. All ages are welcome! Story, craft, and candy cane activity best suited for children under 12 years of age. *Tickets available in November.*

EXHIBITIONS

Explore three centuries of history through a series of changing interpretive exhibitions featuring historic art, artifacts, and archival materials. The following exhibitions will be on display at LancasterHistory between July and December 2024.



Exhibition admission is included with the purchase of a General Admission or Exhibitions-Only ticket. Members visit for free!

DUTCHIRICAN: A LATINX HISTORY OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

On Display June 10 - September 14, 2024

Dutchirican tells the story of the Latinx community in central Pennsylvania through photographs and artifacts, including a reproduction **casita**, or “little house,” of the kind lived in by migrant workers in the 1950s. The exhibit traces the history of a diverse community from the American Revolution to the present and explores the rich contributions Latinx peoples have made to Lancaster County and the surrounding region.



Photos courtesy of Dr. Ivette Guzmán-Zavala and Dr. John Hinshaw, Lebanon Valley College.

MAIN **EXHIBITION**

THIEVES & VAGABONDS

A HISTORY OF LAW & JUSTICE
IN LANCASTER COUNTY

Now On Display

LancasterHistory's major exhibition, *Thieves & Vagabonds*, chronicles key moments in the history of law and justice in Lancaster County from the 18th century to the 20th century. From prisons to prohibition, *Thieves & Vagabonds* explores the making, breaking, and remaking of laws over 300 years of Lancaster County's history. Visit LancasterHistory's newest exhibition for a deep dive into crime and punishment as well as reform and repair in the Lancaster community.



EXHIBIT SPONSORS & CONTRIBUTORS



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE
HUMANITIES

The Pryor E. and Arlene R. Neuber
Charitable Trust



Pennsylvania
Historical & Museum
Commission

Barley Snyder
ATTORNEYS AT LAW



BRUBAKER CONNAUGHTON
GOSS & LUCARELLI
ATTORNEYS AT LAW



CLAIR



FoxDuck | Lancaster City Bureau of Police | Lancaster County Courthouse | Lancaster County Prison
Richard & Lynda Levensgood | Mennonite Life | Pennsylvania State Police Museum
Pennsylvania State Museum | Dennis Shumaker | Mark Stoner

ON THE **HORIZON**

Thaddeus

Lydia Hamilton

Stevens & Smith

Center for History and Democracy



A Home in Lancaster.

A Crossroads for The Nation.

A Landmark of Our Democracy.

The Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History and Democracy is an interpretive museum and education center being developed by LancasterHistory. Opening in 2025, the Center will examine the long struggle for freedom and equality in America through exhibits, multimedia presentations, and educational programs.

Housed in the former law office and home of Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and his confidante Lydia Hamilton Smith, the Center will combine historic buildings with a state-of-the-art museum to examine the lives and legacies of Stevens and Smith and their network of abolitionists. The Center's multi-faceted exhibits—developed in partnership with world-renowned museum designers and noted historians—will address issues of slavery, freedom, and the continuing fight for equality in the United States.

Follow and support the movement to make the Stevens & Smith Center a reality by visiting stevensandsmithcenter.org or by scanning the QR code.





Community-Centered History

The team at LancasterHistory comes from a variety of places and backgrounds and have wide-ranging and diverse interests. But among us, there are two commonalities that stand out: **We love history**, and **we love Lancaster**. We each find joy in caring for and sharing the stories of this amazing place we call home. When we meet people on the Campus of History or out in the community, we routinely hear how much they enjoy learning new things about their hometown or discovering that Lancaster's rich history is filled with fascinating tales from its past—stories of resilience and struggle, of extraordinary deeds and ordinary moments that, when added up, make Lancaster County one-of-a-kind.

We are grateful for your support of LancasterHistory, and hope you'll join us for the many exciting events noted in this guidebook. To take advantage of all that we're offering, we also hope you'll share your love of history with us and become a member or renew your membership today. You'll receive free or discounted access all while helping sustain our programs and exhibits. Join us! **And thank you!**

Scenes from the May 13, 2024 Ceremonial Groundbreaking at The Stevens & Smith Center. Photos by PhotOlé Photography.



Robin

ROBIN SARRATT
VICE PRESIDENT





230 North President Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

